

1. A method for containing lightweight particulate materials for bulk shipment comprising the steps of:
  - a) providing a filling station including a hopper for dispensing said materials;  
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  - b) providing a stack of collapsible preassembled containers, each having a cover in generally planar collapsed condition;
  - c) providing a supply of synthetic resinous bag-like liner elements;  
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  - d) serially placing said collapsed containers in erected condition beneath said hopper;
  - e) placing an individual liner element within an erected container element;
  - f) filling said liner element with said particulate material to  
15 desired level; and
  - g) closing said liner element and closing said container element with a separate cover.
2. The method in accordance with claim 1, in which said container elements include integral slip sheets.
- 20 3. The method in accordance with claim 1, in which said liner elements are closed by a heat sealing operation.